GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Allotment of Petrol Pumps to SC/ST People
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed that some influential persons have grabbed the petrol pumps and gas agencies originally allotted to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and other categories by fraudulent means;
(b) if so, the number of such cases reported / taken into cognisance by Government during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT/category-wise;
(c) the punitive action taken by the Government against the persons found
guilty;
(d) whether the Government has formulated any policy to safeguard the interests of
SCs/STs and other categories in this regard and put a check on such transactions; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they have detected some cases of benami operation of Retail Outlets Dealership/LPG Distributorship related to various categories including SCs/STs. The cases which have been terminated during the last three years and the current year, are given in Annexure.
(c) Action has been taken as per the terms and conditions of Dealership Agreement according to which if any Retail Outlet Dealership/LPG Distributorship is found operated by benami dealer the same is liable for termination.
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(d) & (e) It has been mandated in the OMCs Guidelines that every year the Retail Outlet Dealers and LPG Distributors have to establish that the operation of their dealership/distributorship is in accordance with the approved constitution. The onus to provide documents to establish operation of dealership/ distributorship is upon the dealer/distributor.
A web portal has been created where dealer/distributor will provide the relevant data, declaration and upload documents in support of the claim of constitution status. This system driven monitoring would facilitate early identification of such cases. Documents to be uploaded by the Dealers/Distributors as applicable include :
1. Copy of PAN Card.
2. Relevant pages of audited balance sheet.
3. Letter from Bank confirming names of account holder.
4. Copy of Showroom & Go-down Land details.
5. Copy of Retail Selling Licence, etc.
6. Copy of Explosive licence.
7. First & Last page of distributorship agreement.
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